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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Executive Directive in Connection with the Establishment of
the Operations Coordinating Board

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1. Mr. Schwarzwald, Bureau of the Budget, called me about the provision on the executive directive that would transfer responsibility for support of [] from CIA to Defense. I said that we had no objection to its inclusion in the Directive, but that I knew Defense would object as the Joint Chiefs felt they might be put in a position of conducting []. The Bureau of the Budget said they realized this, but that they proposed to include the transfer in the new directive with the wording proposed by us in an earlier letter. I asked if they would also include wording which would say that the Director of the Bureau of the Budget would make the determination on what was transferred. Mr. Schwarzwald said this was a standard boiler-plate phrase, and they felt it should be in the directive.

2. I said of course we did not believe they had any intention of going into the operational problems that this transfer would create. Mr. Schwarzwald said this was correct. I, therefore, suggested that they include some such wording as, "The Director of the Bureau of the Budget will determine, based on reports and recommendations from the interested agencies, what personnel, material, and funds will be transferred." Mr. Schwarzwald said this was what they had in mind, and he felt some such language would be perfectly acceptable.

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